

Activities Schedule RED ROCK STATE PARK May 2015

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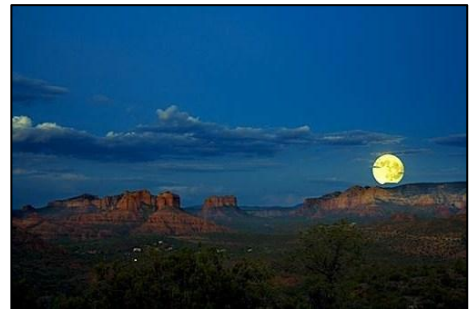
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Red Rock State Park is celebrating “Butterfly Month” with special video screenings, a water color workshop, and the next lecture series installment *“Chasing the Monarch Migration Through Arizona”*.
And get ready for the next Moonlight Hike and Star Party!

May Events:

Moonlight Hike Sunday, May 3rd at 6:00 P.M.

The Moonlight Hike is among the most popular interpretive hikes at the Park. Led by a naturalist, it gives hikers the rare opportunity to enjoy the sunset and moonrise from an overlook and return by the light of the moon, while also having the chance to learn about Sedona and its surrounding areas. Verde Valley and park history, as well as archeology, geology, botany, and riparian wildlife information, is also offered by a knowledgeable guide. The hike lasts two to 2 1/2 hours and covers a distance of approximately two miles.

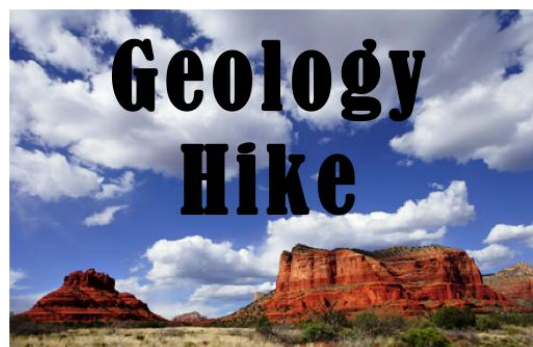


A \$5.00 reservation fee is required as well as an entry fee upon arrival (**\$5.00 per adult (14 and up) \$3.00 per youth (7-13), and free for children (0-6)**). **Rangers ask hikers to please arrive approximately 30 minutes before the starting time to insure participation.** Program fees are non-refundable unless the park must cancel the hike after your arrival. Wear suitable clothing, shoes (prepare for cool nights) bring water, and a flashlight.

Geology Walk Sunday May 11th at 1:00 P.M.

Red Rock State Park is located at the base of the Mogollon Rim, the southern edge of the Colorado Plateau. The escarpment is over 200 miles long and ranges in elevation from 2,000 to 3,000 feet. Over millions of years of erosion the rim has receded over four miles leaving behind the picturesque features of Sedona.

Our monthly-guided geology walk will be held on May 11th at 1:00 PM. Join our knowledgeable volunteers as



they venture out on our trails and discuss how Sedona transformed into what we see today. This is an interpretive experience for both the beginner and experienced hiker, lasting between 2-2 ½ hours and an elevation gain of 250 feet. **Please bring water and wear suitable footwear.**

Star Party- Friday May 15th at 7:30 P.M.



Come out and enjoy the night skies with the Astronomers of Verde Valley and the Rangers of Red Rock State Park in Sedona on Friday, May 15th. An introduction presentation at 7:30 P.M. will show current sky events and what's "up" in the spring skies. The planets Jupiter and Venus will provide views of our near neighbors and Saturn will make a brief appearance as the viewing session ends at 10:00 P.M.

Galaxies litter the skies in the constellations of Virgo, Coma Berenices and Ursa Major. Open Clusters, Globular Clusters, Planetary Nebula and many other stellar objects will be available for the attendees to see. There will also be a craft project available for children during the presentation as well as space cookies, moon juice, and other complementary beverages.

Sedona has recently been accredited as the 8th International Dark Sky City in the World. This will help protect our night skies at Red Rock State Park. Attendance is limited and reservations are required.

Please call Red Rock State Park at 928 282 6907 to make your reservations. This program will require a \$5.00 reservation fee per person prior to the event in addition to the park's admission fees: \$5.00 per adult (14 and up), \$3.00 per youth (7-13), and free for children (0-6). For additional information and reservations, please call **(928) 282-6907**.

Lecture Series: *Chasing the Monarch Migration Through Arizona – What We've Learned and the Questions That Remain* Gail Morris - Sunday May 17th at 2:00 P.M.



The monarch is often considered the jewel of the butterfly world but little is known about their migration in the western United States. It was once believed that Arizona was too hot and too dry for monarchs. But instead, could Arizona be the western migration gateway? Join us to learn about what we've untangled about the migration and breeding behavior of monarch butterflies in Arizona, the importance of native *Asclepias* species, and the many questions that still remain.

Gail Morris is the Coordinator of the SW Monarch Study <http://swmonarchs.org> and the Monarch Watch Conservation Specialist for Arizona and the West, <http://monarchwatch.org/cs/>.

She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Monarch Butterfly Fund supporting research and development in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in Mexico.
<http://www.monarchbutterflyfund.org>

The program will be held in the Park's theatre at 2:00 P.M. Seating is limited so please call ahead to reserve your space; the program is included within the Park's admission fees: \$5.00 per adult (14 and up),

\$3.00 per youth (7-13), and free for children (0-6). For additional information and reservations, please call (928) 282-6907.

Watercolor Workshop: “Butterflies” Saturday May 30th 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Are you interested in learning some basic tricks to watercolor painting? Red Rock State Park will be hosting Cathy Stedman for our ongoing series on the basics of watercolor painting. This will be an introductory to intermediate class. The series will cover the basics to watercolor painting-providing instruction and techniques with a theme each month.



Our May theme will be “**Butterflies**”. Cathy Stedman, a Sedona local, has been teaching watercolor since 1997. “Teaching is simply my best learning tool and I hope to bring others along as I learn”, she says. Cathy has taken classes from several well-known artists including Frank Web, John Salminen, and Gretchen Lopez.

This workshop will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. within our Hummingbird Room. Space is limited to 12 participants, so call ahead to reserve your spot. The workshop reservation fee is \$50.00, which includes park admission, instruction, and all supplies or \$40.00 with your own supplies. Please bring your own lunch. For additional information and reservations, please call Red Rock State Park at (928) 282-6907.

Wednesday and Saturday Bird Walks, 8:00 A.M.

Bird walks begin at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Bird enthusiasts join a naturalist for a guided walk appropriate for beginner and advanced birders. Please bring your own binoculars; only a limited number are available for loan from the park. If birding on your own, the Hummingbird Patio is an excellent spot to start your tour. Another good viewing point is the visitor center roof. Most year-round birds are found in the riparian area next to Oak Creek or along the field behind the visitor center. The Audubon Society has designated Red Rock State Park as an Important Birding Area (IBA) because of the many species that live or visit here.



Daily Guided Nature Walks and Activities, 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

At 10:00 A.M. everyday, a volunteer naturalist leads a guided nature walk informing visitors about the different life zones of Red Rock State Park. The subjects discussed on this walk include geology, wildlife, history, archeology, and plant life. The naturalists welcome questions during the walk, enhancing the learning experience.

During the afternoon, the park hosts a 45-minute ranger/naturalist-led walk, various other presentations depending on the season, and nature videos.

Picnic Areas and Shelters

Several covered ramadas and picnic tables are available to reserve throughout the park. The ramadas feature charcoal barbecue grills, picnic tables, electrical outlets, water and nearby restrooms. To inquire about reserving a ramada for groups, please call **928-282-6907**. These areas are also available for daily visitors.

Red Rock State Park is a “*pack in-pack out*” facility and does not provide trash receptacles. Please remember to “*pack out*” your trash with you to help us protect the environment and wildlife.



Junior Rangers

A Junior Ranger program is available for children between the ages of six and twelve. Junior Rangers pledge their part in helping preserve the beauty of the park for everyone! Junior Ranger booklets, available at the Visitor Center, have activities to complete and, once approved by a Ranger, the newest Junior Ranger at Red Rock State Park is sworn in after taking the pledge and receiving a Junior Ranger button.

Hike on Your Own!

The family-oriented trail system is well marked for safety and enjoyment if you prefer to explore on your own. Five miles of trails have interconnecting loops leading to red rock vistas or along the lush greenery of Oak Creek. The three major loops are connected along the riparian corridor by the Kisva Trail, which also leads to the short loop of the Yavapai Ridge Trail. The Javelina Trail takes you into the pinion/juniper woodlands and back to the other loops. Detailed information is available at the Visitor Center. Bikes and horses are allowed on designated routes, these are limited.

Visitor Center and Theatre

The Park Visitor Center features many displays about the area's geology, archaeology, flora and fauna, including an interactive relief map of Sedona and computer programs about various park features, such as the House of Apache Fires. The popular video, "*The Natural Wonders of Sedona*", narrated by local voice-over artist John Conway, is shown several times daily in the Park Theatre. The video features aerial explorations of ancient Indian ruins and dramatic landscapes, colorful desert wildflowers, and local wildlife.

Join us here at Red Rock this May or any time of year for your next adventure! Whether you're attending a planned event or hiking on your own, you'll enjoy our trails and facilities, making for a great day with the family or a bit of solitude for yourself.

Red Rock State Park, 4050 Lower Red Rock Loop Road, Sedona. (928)-282-6907. Park hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Visitor Center, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Entrance fee is \$5.00 per adult (14 and up), \$3.00 per youth (7-13), and free for children (0-6). The Arizona State Park Annual Pass is available for \$75.00 (some restrictions apply).

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